



**BOONE COUNTY**  
*Solid Waste Management District*

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## Medicine Collection Program Expands to Zionsville

The proper disposal of pharmaceuticals is essential in protecting the health of our environment as well as those children and adults in our communities. Wastewater treatment plants and septic fields are not designed to breakdown the chemical make-up of pharmaceuticals. Therefore, the chemicals are passed down stream contaminating our waterways.

According to the Poison Control Center, over 55% of all accidental poisoning occur in those younger than five years old. Leaving unused or expired medications in our homes increases the opportunity for children or grandchildren to accidentally ingest them. Keeping a hold of these medications also increases the opportunity of misuse by an adult, an epidemic that has seen dramatic increases.

In order to dispose of the medications properly, consider either the medicine collection bin located at the Boone County Jail (1905 Indianapolis Avenue, Lebanon) or the newly opened bin at the Zionsville Police Department (1075 Parkway Drive, Zionsville). Both bins are located in the lobbies and are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

Accepted items include prescription medications including controlled & non-controlled pills, liquids, & patches, over-the-counter medications, vitamins & supplements & pet medications.

Items that will **not** be accepted in either of the collection bins include needles, industrial or business waste, bloody or infectious waste or mercury containing items such as thermometers.



Photo: Matt Werner, Zionsville Times Sentinel

The District received a grant for the purchase of the collection bin through the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant. The Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant combines research, education and outreach to empower communities to secure a healthy environment. Also, the District would like to thank Chief Knox of the Zionsville Police Department for his eagerness and willingness to expand the medicine collection program for all Boone County residents.

## District's New "GREEN GUIDE" is Available

The District has created a "Green Guide" as a residential resource for waste reduction, reuse, recycling and proper disposal. If you are interested in one, please contact the District office. Otherwise, the District plans to have them available at numerous locations throughout the County. Keep your eyes out!



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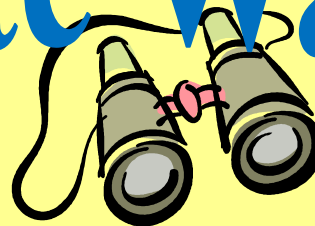


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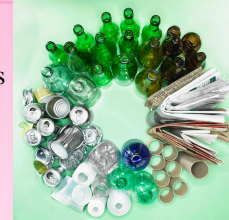
# Waste Watch



**What goes in ...  
my Curbside Recycling Bin?**

### Acceptable Items

- ◆ Clean & Colored glass bottles & jars
- ◆ Paper
- ◆ Cardboard
- ◆ Cans (Aluminum & Steel)
- ◆ Cartons (i.e. milk, juice boxes, soup)
- ◆ #1-7 Plastics (excluding Styrofoam)



*Items must be empty & rinsed clean.*

### Unacceptable Items include

plastic bags, styrofoam, ceramics, light bulbs, window glass, mirrors, wax paper, food soiled paper, plastic flower pots, clear dome covers from take-out food, microwaveable food trays, and no oil containers (i.e. motor, butter, cooking).



For more detailed information, go to [http://raystrash.com/precycle\\_recycle.htm](http://raystrash.com/precycle_recycle.htm).

## Upcoming Events

**August 15 - Do It Again Recycled Art Market Artist Application Deadline**  
Zionsville Cultural District



**August 23 - HHW & Electronics Collection Day - Zionsville Town Hall**  
9am - 2pm

**September 26 - Community Grant Application Deadline**  
District Office at Noon

